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December 29, 1981

Dear Fellow Montanan:

1981 has been commemorated as the International Year of Disabled Persons. Montana has shared in the International Year through selected community-based and state-level activities to bring attention to the needs and contributions of our handicapped citizens.

During the IYDP, one project initiated by my administration was the compilation of this directory. The goal of "accessibility" reaches far beyond just physical barriers; it includes availability to the programs and people in government who can serve the special needs of the handicapped. In that spirit, we hope this directory helps to bind the link between state government and Montana's disabled citizens.

Since this directory is the first of its kind to be produced by the state, we welcome reactions as to its utility and suggestions for its improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Schwinden", written in a cursive style.

Ted Schwinden
Governor



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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

This department is responsible for providing administrative and technical assistance to all other departments in state government.

Architecture and Engineering Division and Building Codes Division

These divisions are responsible for providing barrier-free designs and construction of all public structures built or renovated in the state.

General Services Division

This division provides designated parking spaces for handicapped persons at all state facilities, keeps accessible entrances and interiors clear, and performs minor construction projects to help provide accessibility.

State Personnel Division

Within the Personnel Division is a Handicapped Employment Coordinator who is responsible for promoting and assisting state agencies to employ handicapped individuals by technical assistance or accessibility, accommodation, and personnel policies. This position provides staff service to the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

For more information:

Department of Administration
Sam Mitchell Building
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2032

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce is responsible for promoting business development, improving the economic environment and eliminating or minimizing the barriers to economic development. This

department has two divisions which provide services that directly affect the handicapped.

Transportation Division

The Planning and Assistance Bureau provides technical assistance to communities in developing accessible transportation programs. Federal funds administered by this bureau are used to purchase vehicles and equipment, and provide subsidy for the operation of local systems.

Economic and Community Development Division

The Housing Bureau administers the Section 8 housing program for Housing and Urban Development. This program provides a rent subsidy based on income and funds for structure changes so an apartment building or house can be made accessible.

For more information:

Department of Commerce
1424 9th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3494

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Office of Public Instruction is charged with overseeing the state's basic system of free public education in the elementary and secondary schools.

Department of Special Services

This department is responsible for recommending the policies for programs in special education to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Through general funds and federal funds, it provides assistance to local school districts for identifying and providing services to handicapped children.

Handicapped children, ages 6-18, are served by these educational services. Programs also may be established by the school district for ages 0-5 and 19-21.

Department of Vocational Services

Funds are available through competitive grants to local school districts and state-operated programs to assist handicapped students who are unable to succeed in regular vocational education programs or who require modifications of the regular programs.

For more information:

Office of Public Instruction
General Information
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620
449-5643

STATE LIBRARY

One responsibility of the library is to provide reading material for the visually impaired and physically handicapped. The Montana State Library is also a regional library for the Library of Congress and provides staff and quarters for this purpose.

Library services for the print-handicapped individual include large-print or braille books, books recorded on record or tape, and any equipment necessary to use the records and tapes.

The library also owns a Kurzweil reading machine which it lends to local public libraries and other facilities.

Any person who, because of a physical or visual handicap is not able to read conventional printed material or to hold a book or turn a page, is eligible. The disability may be temporary or permanent.

To receive service it is necessary to fill in an application form, have it signed by a doctor, nurse, counselor or someone who can certify a handicapping condition, then return it to the library. There is no fee charged for the service or equipment.

Application forms may be obtained at the local library, rehabilitation office, or by writing:

Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Montana State Library

930 East Lyndale

Helena, Montana 59620

449-3004

Toll-free No. 1-800-332-3400

MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

The Montana Arts Council encourages the expansion of the creative arts as natural resources which must be preserved and promoted to advance our cultural legacy.

The Council can provide information, project funding, workshops and technical assistance to develop programs to serve the arts and cultural needs of the handicapped.

For more information:

Montana Arts Council

1280 S. 3rd West

Missoula, Montana 59801

543-8286

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind's program activities include a full academic curriculum leading to high school graduation, a comprehensive prevocational and career development program, and a specialized program for sensory multi-handicapped. Programming is to be integrated with local education agency program and services. Direct services include: diagnosis and evaluation, preschool, daily living skills, orientation and mobility, parent education, counseling, itinerant resource consultation, child study team participation, work education, leisure

time/recreational programs, music/art education, athletic participation, dormitory life, and health and infirmary services.

If a child has a hearing or visual impairment that would prevent him or her from obtaining an education in an average classroom situation, if the parents agree and the child is certified to have such a handicap, the child is eligible for the services of the school.

For more information:

Montana School
for the Deaf and Blind
3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, Montana 59401
453-1401

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Because each campus' program for handicapped students varies greatly, a list of addresses and phone numbers is provided for specific information inquiries.

Montana State University
Resource Center
139 S.U.B.
Bozeman, MT 59717
994-4541

University of Montana
Special Services Program
740 Eddy St.
Missoula, MT 59812
243-5032

Eastern Montana College
Special Services Program
L.A. 222
Billings, MT 59101
657-2307

Western Montana College
Dean of Students
Dillon, MT 59725
683-7351

Northern Montana College
Dean of Students
Havre, MT 59501
265-7821, Ext. 3221

Montana College of Mineral Sciences
and Technology
Counseling Office
Butte, MT 59701
496-4198



DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

This department is responsible for overseeing the management and preservation of our fish, wildlife and parks.

Fisheries Division

The Fisheries Division has free fishing licenses available for all severely disabled persons.

Many fishing access sites are accessible or partially so. In the spring of 1982 the department will have symbols in their Fishing and Recreation Guide Pamphlet to indicate which areas are barrier free.

Licenses may be obtained from:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Fisheries Division
1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3186

Parks Division

All Montana parks are included in plans to meet the accessibility regulations. Many are already accessible. An accurate Parks and Recreation Guide, which will symbol the barrier-free areas, will be available each spring.

Fees are charged for some overnight campsites and/or guided tours.

For further information:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Parks Division
1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3750

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Citizens' Advocate Office

Created to help make state government more accessible and responsive to the needs of Montanans, the Citizens' Advocate office has a toll-free telephone line so that anyone having a problem, complaint or question about state government can call for assistance or referral.

For information, call 1-800-332-2272.

Office of Budget and Program Planning

In addition to its primary role in budget preparation and monitoring, this office maintains a clearinghouse function in accordance with the federally imposed A-95 review necessary before an agency or local project can receive certain funds.

The A-95 review is intended to assure that a proposed project will not duplicate a program already available and that it is meeting a realistic need. In addition, proposers are asked to verify that programs will not discriminate against or be inaccessible to handicapped individuals. The A-95 review is a clearinghouse, not an enforcement, function; as such, it does not assure coordination but does provide an opportunity for coordination among interested parties.

For further information:

A-95 Clearinghouse
Office of Budget and Program Planning
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3830

Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors

The Board is charged by Montana law with reviewing patient care at Montana's community mental health centers and institutions for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled.

The Board periodically audits each program and institution to review treatment plans, patient care, physical facilities, admission and retention procedures, patient legal rights and patient grievances. Individuals with grievances may contact the Board.

A report of each formal site review is submitted to the facility director, Department of Institutions, and the Governor's Office.

For further information:

Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors
Capitol Annex
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3955



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The basic function and responsibility of this department is to protect and promote the health of the people of Montana.

The Health Services division has programs providing services to the handicapped, including cleft palate project, health screening and nutrition programs.

Health prevention programs, disease control (immunizations, etc.), maternal and child health care and consumer safety are examples of programs that will greatly reduce the numbers of handicapped individuals.

Any resident of Montana may participate in any health program. There may or may not be a small fee charged.

For more information:

Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Cogswell Building
Helena, Montana 59620
449-4740

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

The Department of Highways is responsible for construction and maintenance of highways and bridges, enforcement of highway safety and driver education.

The Department of Highways also is responsible for rest area accessibility. All rest areas along interstate highways are barrier free, as well as most rest areas along primary highways.

For further information on accessible rest areas and their locations:

State Highway Department
Information Bureau
2701 Prospect
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2492

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS

This department is responsible for public mental health services, alcoholism and drug dependence treatment coordination and the operation of the state correctional programs.

Mental Health Division

Mental health treatment is offered to anyone in need. Handicapped individuals may have special accommodation if the facility is not barrier free. However, every effort is being made to assure all programs are accessible.

Any person residing in Montana will be able to find mental health care available in his or her community. If residential care is needed, a local program can contact the nearest facility.

A fee may be assessed on a sliding scale according to the ability to pay.

Residential services for the developmentally disabled are provided at Boulder River School.

For more information and the location of the programs:

Department of Institutions
Mental Health and Residential Division
1539 11th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3964

Corrections Division

This division is responsible for administrative and rehabilitative programs in all juvenile and adult correctional institutions, adult probation and parole, juvenile aftercare and various community-based corrections facilities.

Accommodations are made for handicapped persons who have been committed to a correctional facility. If their medical needs are great, they would be confined to a state hospital or to the infirmary inside the facility. Individual rehabilitation plans are developed to meet a person's specific need.

Questions or requests for further information should be directed to:

Department of Institutions
Corrections Division
1539 11th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-5671

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division

The division is responsible for establishing a comprehensive and coordinated program for the treatment of alcoholics, intoxicated persons, and family members.

The program includes:

- a. emergency treatment provided by a facility affiliated with or part of the medical service of a general hospital;

- b. inpatient treatment;
- c. intermediate treatment;
- d. outpatient treatment; and
- e. follow-up services.

Services are available in all fifty-six counties. No one is refused service for inability to pay; however, individuals are expected, within their personal financial limitations, to pay for treatment services received. Most programs have a sliding fee scale for services provided.

The division maintains a list of all approved public and private treatment facilities.

For more information or a list of approved programs:

Department of Institutions
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division
1539 11th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2827

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Motor Vehicles Division

This division provides two services for handicapped individuals.

A State of Montana identification card may be obtained by anyone over the age of 18, and **not** holding a valid Montana driver's license. Application can be made at County Treasurer's office or local exam station. Birth certificate is required.

The division is authorized to issue handicapped parking permits for \$1.00 which enables a person to park an automobile in parking spaces reserved for the handicapped.

To qualify, a person must have a permanent specific handicap that restricts mobility when not in a motor vehicle.

Application forms for a parking permit may be obtained from a County Treasurer's Office or directly from:

Registrar of Motor Vehicles
925 Main
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722
846-1423

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

The Department of Labor and Industry is specifically concerned with employment, unemployment insurance, training, labor-management relations, conditions for workers and employee/employer rights.

Employment and Training Division

Comprehensive employment and training programs (CETA) target several groups, including the handicapped. CETA programs include on-the-job and classroom training, youth employment and training, and private sector initiative programs.

Any handicapped person who has been unemployed or underemployed for seven (7) consecutive days may apply for any comprehensive training program.

Contact the nearest Job Service or CETA office for employment assistance. Handicapped persons who need training may contact the nearest state vocational rehabilitation office (see page 22).

Job Service

Some of the services offered at Job Service offices are work evaluation, job counseling, advice to employers regarding reasonable accommodation, and ongoing assistance to a handicapped individual and the employer during and after placement.

Any handicapped person seeking new or upgraded employment should contact the nearest Job Service office.

A complete list of all Job Service Centers can be found on the following pages.

Workers' Compensation Division

This division provides protection via insurance for the worker and the employer.

Compensation insurance purchased by the employer provides the injured worker with cash benefits while he or she recovers, rehabilitation, aids and appliances, and assistance with employment when he or she is ready to return to the job market.

All persons employed in Montana should be covered by Workers' Compensation. For more information:

Department of
Labor and Industry
Workers' Compensation Division
815 Front Street
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2047

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Human Rights Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the Montana Human Rights Act which prohibits discrimination against handicapped in employment, housing, public accommodations, finances, government services, and education.

The Commission investigates complaints of discrimination, holds administrative hearings if needed, and provides follow-up corrective action.

For further information, write or call:

Human Rights Commission
23 So. Last Chance Gulch
Boston Block
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2884

DIRECTORY OF JOB

OFFICE	ADDRESS	ZIP
ANACONDA	307 East Park	59711
BILLINGS EAST	624 N. 24th St.	59101
Branch Office	302 N. 24th St.	59101
BILLINGS P.O.	1425 Broadwater Ave. Suite E	59102
BILLINGS WEST	445 S. 24th St. West	59102
BOZEMAN	220 W. Lamme	59715
BUTTE	206 W. Granite	59703
	P.O. Box 309	
BUTTE P.O.	Idaho & Mercury Sts.	59703
CUT BANK	513 East Main St.	59427
WIN Center	P.O. Box 837, Browning	59417
DILLON	126 S. Montana St.	59725
GLASGOW	238 Second Ave. So.	59230
GLENDALE	211 S. Kendrick	59330
GREAT FALLS	1018 7th St. So.	59405
Branch Office	513 1st Ave. So.	59405
GT. FALLS P.O.	1018 7th St. So.	59405
HAMILTON	333 Main Street	59840
	P.O. Box 73	
HAVRE	416 First Street	59501
HELENA	715 Front Street	59601
HELENA P.O.	529 North Warren	59601
KALISPELL	427 First Ave. E.	59901
KALISPELL P.O.	477 S. Main, 2nd Floor	59901
	P.O. Box 1395	
LEWISTOWN	324 W. Broadway	59457
LIBBY	314 California Ave.	59923
LIVINGSTON	228 South Main	59047
	P.O. Box 1199	
MILES CITY	12 North 10th St.	59301
Branch Office	P.O. Box 455, Colstrip	59323
MISSOULA	539 S. Third St. W.	59806
	P.O. Box 5027	
MISSOULA P.O.	800 Kensington	59801
	P.O. Box 4986	
POLSON	417 Main Street	59860
	P.O. Box 970	
SHELBY	402 First St. S.	59474
SIDNEY	120 South Central	59270
T. FALLS	608 Main Street	59873
	P.O. Box 669	
WOLF POINT	122 Second Ave. S.	59201

SERVICE OFFICES

TELEPHONE	COUNTIES/AREAS SERVICED
563-3444	N $\frac{2}{3}$ Deer Lodge, S $\frac{1}{3}$ Powell, S $\frac{2}{3}$ Granite
248-7371 248-9300 259-5529	Yellowstone, Big Horn, Treasure, Golden Valley, Stillwater, Musselshell, Carbon
652-2920	W. Billings & Laurel
586-5455	Gallatin, East $\frac{1}{2}$ Madison
782-0417	Silver Bow, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Madison, S $\frac{1}{3}$ Deer Lodge, N $\frac{1}{4}$ Beaver- head, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Jefferson
782-9115	
873-2191 338-7551	Glacier, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Pondera, N $\frac{1}{8}$ Teton
683-5501	S $\frac{3}{4}$ Beaverhead, S $\frac{1}{4}$ Madison
228-9369	Valley, Phillips
365-3314	Dawson, S $\frac{1}{2}$ McCone, Wibaux
761-1730 761-1730 761-1730	Cascade, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Judith Basin, N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lewis & Clark, SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Chouteau, S $\frac{7}{8}$ Teton
363-1822	S $\frac{7}{8}$ Ravalli
265-5847	Hill, Blaine, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Chouteau
449-3044	S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lewis & Clark, N $\frac{1}{2}$
442-2531	Jefferson, NE $\frac{1}{3}$ Powell, NW $\frac{7}{8}$
257-5627 257-5627	Meagher, Broadwater Flathead
538-8701	Fergus, N $\frac{1}{2}$ Wheatland, Petroleum, E $\frac{1}{2}$ Judith Basin
293-6282	Lincoln
222-0520	Park, Sweet Grass, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Wheatland, SE $\frac{1}{8}$ Meagher
232-1316 748-2880	Custer, Prairie, Garfield, Rosebud, Powder River, Carter, Fallon
728-7060	Town of Arlee in Lake, Mineral, W $\frac{1}{3}$ Powell, N $\frac{1}{8}$ Ravalli,
721-5680	Missoula, N $\frac{1}{3}$ Granite
883-5261	Lake, Except Town of Arlee
434-5161	Toole, Liberty, E $\frac{1}{2}$ Pondera
482-1204	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sheridan, E $\frac{1}{4}$ Roosevelt, Richland
827-3472	Sanders
653-1720	W $\frac{3}{4}$ Roosevelt, N $\frac{1}{2}$ McCone, Daniels, NW $\frac{3}{4}$ Sheridan



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

This department has the responsibility for administering and managing state-owned lands, control of mining reclamation, forestry programs and forest protection on state and private lands.

Forestry Division

This division maintains a few overnight campgrounds, individual campsites and picnic sites on the 7 state forests. If any of these contain a structure, it will be made barrier free as funding permits renovation projects.

For information on locations of accessible sites:

Montana Division of Forestry
Department of State Lands
2705 Spurgin
Missoula, Montana 59801
728-4300



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Public Service Commission regulates the rates and service of all utilities and transportation industries in the State of Montana.

Utilities Division

Special regulations regarding termination of service have been imposed by the Commission on electric and gas companies. Service may not be terminated during the winter months. Companies are charged with the responsibility of working with handicapped and elderly low-income persons to identify a schedule of payments that will not be a burden.

Free directory assistance is available to the visually handicapped by Mountain Bell. Application is made to the telephone company. A plastic card with a number is issued for use by the handicapped person in seeking telephone numbers through directory assistance.

Transportation Division

Non-profit and for-profit transportation systems are regulated by the Commission. These regulations are designed to protect the transportation provider from unfair competition and give the user an adequate, safe and usable system.

The Commission has a customer service representative available in the Helena office to assist the public with problems involving a public utility.

The Public Service Commissioners, representing five districts in Montana, want to hear from the consumers about problems.

For further information:

Public Service Commission
1227 11th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3007

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The responsibility of the department is to assess and collect taxes.

Income Tax Division

Under certain conditions individuals who have handicapped dependents may qualify for special deductions.

The state income tax form packet includes instructions regarding who is eligible and how to claim deductions. A toll-free number is available January 1 through April 15 each year.

Those who have handicapped dependents should be alert for the special deductions.

Property Assessment Division

There is a partial exemption from **ad valorem** taxes on personal homes and autos for certain handicapped individuals.

Veterans with 100% disability and some handicapped individuals meeting an income criteria may be eligible.

Contact the County Assessor's office for more information.

The Department of Revenue's staff in Helena will provide any assistance one may need to understand Montana's tax laws.

Department of Revenue
Sam Mitchell Building
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2460

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

This department is responsible for the administration of many human service programs in Montana.

Rehabilitative Services Division

This is the principal state program to provide needed services to vocationally handicapped people of employable age to restore them to gainful employment.

Rehabilitative services provides goods and services necessary to render a handicapped individual fit to engage in a gainful occupation. These services may include but are not limited to evaluation, counseling, referral, restoration and training.

Two criteria determine eligibility: the presence of a mental or physical disability which results in a handicap to employment, and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation services may benefit the individual.

For further information:

Social and Rehabilitation Services
Rehabilitative Services Division
111 N. Sanders
Helena, Montana 59604
449-2590

Disability Determination Bureau

This bureau is responsible for disability determinations on applications for Social Security Disability and Social Security Supplemental Income benefits.

This program is administered by the state for the federal Social Security Administration.

For further information:

Disability Determination Bureau
1330 Helena Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3054

Developmental Disabilities Division

The Developmental Disabilities Division is primarily responsible for providing community-based services to developmentally disabled individuals.

Community-based services can be but are not limited to, adult and child group homes, semi-independent living training, vocational training and sheltered workshop employment, and support services for families.

The SRS district offices, county welfare offices, health departments, and rehabilitation offices can provide information on services available or contact:

Social and Rehabilitation Services
Developmental Disabilities Division
111 N. Sanders
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2995

Community Services Division

Community Services Division administers the program for older Americans provided for by the Older Americans Act. This program provides valuable assistance to the elderly handicapped individual. Some of these services are home chores, outreach workers, and home-delivered hot meals. An amendment to the Older Americans

Act requires one to be 60 years of age to participate in the nutrition program. Donations can be accepted from participants but are not required. Contact the County Commissioners' office for the location of programs for the elderly.

This division is also responsible for administering programs such as protective services, foster care, adoption and day care.

The licensing of child care for handicapped children and subsidized adoptions of handicapped children are the two services of this bureau that most directly serve the handicapped.

Contact the local welfare office, the district SRS office or 449-3865 for further information.

Economic Assistance Division

This division supervises the Food Stamp program, Medicaid, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). These programs may be available to disabled persons with minimal income. Application is made through the county welfare offices.

The low-income energy assistance program (LIEAP) is available through human resource development councils (HRDC) in the state.

For further information, call the county welfare office or 449-4540.

Visual Services Division

Visual Services provides specialized assistance for the visually impaired.

These services include but are not limited to providing mobility training, individualized independent living training, counseling, medical assistance for sight restoration, and purchase of aids and appliances.

If one has an eye condition that could cause blindness or defective vision without medical treatment or has a visual and employment handicap, that person is eligible for services.

Two criteria determine eligibility: the presence of a mental or physical disability which results in a handicap to employment, and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation services may benefit the individual.

For more information:

Social and Rehabilitation Services
Visual Services Division
111 N. Sanders
Helena, Montana 59620
449-2590

Veterans' Affairs Division

The Veterans' Affairs Division assists veterans and dependents in applying for benefits under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration of the United States.

It assists a disabled veteran with a service or non-service related handicap to obtain medical care, support equipment, financial benefits, etc.

All veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who need information or service should contact this agency.

Representatives of the Veterans' Affairs Division are located in each district office and will travel to wherever a veteran is located.

For more information, write or call:

Social and Rehabilitation Services
Veterans' Affairs Division
111 N. Sanders
Helena, Montana 59620
449-3015

Directory of SRS Visual Services and Rehabilitation Services District Offices

Billings: 59102	Rehab Services Visual Services	1211 Grand Ave 252-5601
Crow Agency: 59022	Rehab Services	Public Health Hospital 638-2649
Bozeman: 59715	Rehab Services	Martel Plaza, Suite 1F 220 W. Lamme St. 587-0601
Butte: 59701	Rehab Services Visual Services	517 E. Front St. - 723-6537 792-2323
Glasgow: 59230	Rehab Services Visual Services	334 W. Court St. 228-8264
Poplar: 59255	Rehab Services	P.O. Box 164 768-3372
Great Falls: 59405	Rehab Services Visual Services	1818 10th Ave S. - #5 1818 10th Ave S. - #1 727-7740
Browning: 59417	Rehab Services	P.O. Box 275 338-7333
Havre: 59501	Rehab Services	Suite 106A College Park Plaza 263-6933
Helena: 59620	Rehab Services Visual Services	25 S Ewing - Rm 2A 25 S Ewing - Rm 208 449-5674
Kalispell: 59901	Rehab Services Visual Services	Glacier Bldg - Rm 12 755-5408
Ronan: 59864	Rehab Services	Box 796
Lewistown: 59457	Rehab Services	215 Electric Bldg 538-5188
Miles City: 59301	Rehab Services Visual Services	708 Palmer - Box 880 232-0583 232-0611
Lame Deer: 59403	Rehab Services	Box 188 477-6491
Missoula: 59801	Rehab Services Visual Services	1018 Burlington 721-4910
Warm Springs: 59756	Rehab Services	Drawer O - State Hospital 693-2221
State Prison:	Rehab Services	Box 7, Deer Lodge, 59722 846-1320, ext. 2215

Appendix A

EQUIPMENT

**From: Visual Services Division,
Social and Rehabilitation Services**

The following list of equipment is available for temporary or permanent use in employment by a visually impaired person. This is not a complete list, but an indication of what is available.

Apollo Laser
Visualtek
Closed Circuit TV Reading Aids
Braille Writers
Braille Watches
Talking Calculators
Braille Calculators
Opticon
Cassette Self Study Courses
Paper Money Identifier
Games: Bingo, Domino, Checkers, Monopoly, Cribbage,
Scrabble
Tape Recorders/Cassette and Reel to Reel
Braille Slide Rules
Audible Electronic Levels
Raised Marking Alarm Clocks
Fishburne Labelers
Audible Compass
Luxo-Lamps
Films
Kitchen Utensils (Adapted for the Visually Impaired)
Script and Signature Guides
Raised Dot Sphygmomanometers
Laser Cane
MOAB Sensor

**From: Rehabilitation Services Division,
Social and Rehabilitation Services**

Manual Communication Module

From: Montana State Library

This equipment is available for lending through the library. Necessary repairs of the equipment also are provided.

Cassette and Talking Books
Tape Players - talking book machines
Earphones
Pillowphones
Page Turners
Kurzweil Reading Machine

From: Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

This equipment is available for any visually impaired or deaf child obtaining an education in a public or private school in Montana.

Braille Writers
Opticon
Travel Canes
Telecommunication Modules
Sign Language Book and Instructions
Video Tape Lessons
Science Lab Equipment
World Book Talking Encyclopedia
Adaptive equipment for reading and writing braille
Instruction and programming for orientation and mobility
Adapted media for use in classroom

Appendix B

HANDICAPPED-RELATED STATE ASSOCIATIONS (12/1/81)

Arthritis Foundation (Montana Chapter)

P.O. Box 20994
Billings, MT 59104
c/o Elna Hammer
2201 12th St. W.
Billings, MT 59101
Phone: 259-0772

Butte Epileptic Association

c/o Denise Kagie
2034 Locust
Butte, MT 59701
Phone: 723-4243

Easter Seal Society/Goodwill

Industries of Montana
4400 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT 59401
Phone: 761-3680

Handicapped Students Coordinator

Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59715
Phone: 994-4541

Handicapped Students Union

Center for Human Development
The Lodge
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59801
Phone: 243-4711

Montana Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 536
Kalispell, MT 59901
Phone: 755-6913

Montana Association for the Deaf

Edward G. Van Teghem, President
5309 7th Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59401
Phone: 761-0769

Montana Association for Retarded
Citizens

Florence Lucas, President
1443 Jackson
Missoula, MT 59801
Phone: 549-3064

Montana Coalition of Handicapped
Individuals

P.O. Box 4374
Missoula, MT 59806
Phone: 549-7074

Montana Diabetes Association

600 Central Plaza, Suite 8
Box 2411
Great Falls, MT 59403
Phone: 761-0908

Montana Heart Association

510 First Avenue North
Great Falls, MT 59401
Phone: 452-2362

Montana Legal Services Assn.

616 Helena Avenue
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 442-9830
1-800-332-6124

Montana Low Vision Service

715 N. Fee
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 442-7473

Muscular Dystrophy Assn.

3302 4th Ave. North
Billings, MT 59101
Phone: 248-7439

Shodair Crippled Children's
Hospital

840 Helena Avenue
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 442-1980

Western Montana Multiple
Sclerosis Center

Box 2925
Missoula, MT 59806
Phone: 549-5066

Appendix C

HANDICAPPED - RELATED STATE ADVISORY COUNCILS

The following state advisory committees are concerned with handicapped citizens:

Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council
c/o Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services
111 No. Sanders
Helena, MT 59604
Phone: 449-2995

Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council
c/o Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services
111 No. Sanders
Helena, MT 59604
Phone: 449-2590

Visual Services Advisory Council
c/o Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services
111 No. Sanders
Helena, MT 59604
Phone: 449-2590

Governor's Advisory Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependency
c/o Dept. of Institutions
1539 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
Phone: 449-2827

Special Education Advisory Council
c/o Superintendent of Public Instruction
1300 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
Phone: 449-5660

Governor's Employment and Training Council
c/o Dept. of Labor & Industry
35 So. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59620
Phone: 449-5600

Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped
c/o Personnel Division, Department of Administration
Sam Mitchell Building
Helena, MT 59620
Phone: 449-3871

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

An Interagency Committee for Handicapped Children meets monthly, with the chairman designated annually. Committee composition includes:

a representative of the Governor

directors or designees from

Department of Health and Environmental
Sciences

Department of Institutions

Department of Justice

Department of Social and Rehabilitation
Services

Office of Public Instruction

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Appendix D

MONTANA LAW ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

- 49-1-102 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination because of handicap
- 49-2-303 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination in employment
- 49-2-304 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination in public accommodations
- 49-2-305 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination in housing
- 49-2-306 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination in financing and credit transactions
- 49-2-307 MCA - the right to be free from discrimination in education
- 49-3-205 MCA - all services of the state must be performed without discrimination

The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provides:

Sec. 504: No otherwise qualified handicapped individual...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.



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